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## **Provider Notice 03-02**

**TO:** Medicaid Physicians, Pharmacies, FQHC's, RHC's and Nursing Homes

**RE:** Oral Sustained Release Opioid Agonists

**Effective May 13, 2003**, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will require prior authorization for payment of Oral Sustained Release Opioid Agonists. The attached form should be utilized by the prescribing physician or the dispensing pharmacy in requesting prior authorization. Requests may be faxed, or mailed to:

**Health Information Designs (HID)**  
**Medicaid Pharmacy Administrative Services**  
**P. O. Box 3210**  
**Auburn, AL 36832-3210**  
**Fax: 1-800-748-0116**  
**Phone: 1-800-748-0130**

PA requests failing to meet Medicaid criteria will be denied. If the prescribing physician believes medical justification should be considered, the physician must submit a written letter of medical justification along with the prior authorization form. Additional information may be requested. Staff physicians will review this information.

Policy questions concerning this provider notice should be directed to Louise F. Jones, Associate Director, Program Management at 334-242-5050. Questions regarding prior authorization procedures should be directed to the HID help desk at 1-800-748-0130.

Mike Lewis  
Acting Commissioner

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